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HAP-----PY NEW YEAR!!!!!!! Hope everyone survived the holidays in good shape. On this end, we spent Christmas with family like most people do. We can give thanks for being able to spend time with our families and friends at this time of year.

Those of you that didn't come to the Old-Timers Christmas Dinner missed out on a great party. Those of us that did attend had a great time. The food was good. If anyone went home hungry, it was their own fault. After dinner, the officers and board of MRAC were introduced. The volunteer examiners and teachers were also introduced. Of course, the "Old-Timers" were the main reason for the dinner. There were some that just got their licenses. These are the Old-Timers that are starting out. All the licensed people introduced themselves, and also, gave the date they were first licensed. This proved to be an interesting part of the evening, because some were licensed back when spark gap and crystal sets were state-of-the-art. Old-Timers couldn't have operated this long without the help and cooperation and, of course, tolerance of the YL's and XYL's. With this in mind, all the YL's and XYL's present were given a poinsettia plant by the MRAC. The teachers at the H. Charles Kaetel Amateur Radio School were given a flower. Jack Krause, W9JK, was presented with some headache remedy for the MRAC-VEC. Jack and the co-chairman, Les Peterson, W9YCV, have done a heck of a job in running the Volunteer Examiner Program for our club. Keep up the good work!!! Fred Krause, W9VLK, was recognized for his help with keeping attendance records for the school. The high point of the evening was the presentation of the first annual MR. OLD-TIMER AWARD. Aldrich C. Krones, K9AA, was named Mr. Old-Timer 1989. Al received a standing ovation. It was a good thing the applause lasted awhile, because the presenter was a little choked up at the time. When everyone was seated again, Al gave a brief history of his experiences as an amateur and a professional radio operator. He told of all the preparations he went through to get to be the first amateur listed in 9-land (K9AA), and little while later, a young fellow got AA9A. One other comment he made was that early radio receivers were solid-state (crystal) and now they are solid-state again. Al is a walking history of amateur radio. He makes for very interesting listening. The next thing was a door prize drawing. There were quite a few door prizes distributed. I want to thank all the people who contributed to the supply of prizes. We had everything from cash to portable radios. All in all, a good time was had by all.

When the party was breaking up, it turned out that there was a mix up in coats. Three people were involved along with two coats. One coat got to its owner the next day. The other one proved to be quite elusive. This reporter did some phone calling to try to straighten out the situation, without any results. During the Christmas weekend I got a phone call reporting that the lost coat was being returned. The caller said to mention the event in this publication with a humorous twist. It's a good thing amateurs have a sense of humor. For more details see me at a meeting, or talk to the people involved. Anyway, all's well that ends well.

The H. Charles Kaetel Amateur Radio School, sponsored by MRAC, will be holding classes for all grades of licenses at Wauwatosa East High School, 74th and Milwaukee Ave. The first class will be held on Wednesday, February 28, 1990 starting at 7:30PM. Classes will continue for 10 weeks with NO CLASSES HELD DURING EASTER WEEK. On the first day check in early at Room 256. Books will be available for purchase or may be ordered. For further information call Dave DeFebo, WB9BWP, at 529-5583, Ed Seruga, KE9JJ, at 545-6299, or Harry Cieszki, KD9AJ, at 546-0647. Enclosed is an application for the school. If you don't need it yourself, please pass it to someone who does. If you need more, call any of the above fellows and they will see that you get them. Volunteer teachers can call Dave for info.

The MRAC-VEC will be conducting license exams at Wauwatosa East High School on the first Wednesday of every month up to, and including, June 6, 1990. The time --- 7:00PM. Room --- 256. There is plenty of parking on the East side of the building. Anyone being tested should bring their current license, two photocopies of same, another form of ID and a fee of $4.75. For more information call Jack Krause, W9JK, at 774-6999.

The Badger Examiners conduct license exams at St. Nicholas Parish, 5353 N. Green Bay Ave. on the third Saturday of the month. For more information call Gary Sharbuno, WI9M, at 355-0237.

The West Allis Radio Amateur Club is having a Swapfest on Saturday January 13, 1990 at the Waukesha Exposition Center, Highways J & FT, Waukesha, WI - 8:00AM - 3:00PM. MRAC will have tables where members can sell some of their treasures. The MRAC-VEC will be conducting license exams across the street at the Red Carpet Lanes. If you wish to upgrade, bring your current license, two photocopies of same, another form of ID and a fee of $4.75.

We are planning to send out the newest roster with the February mailing. If there are any correction or changes to be made in your listing in the present roster, contact our Secretary, Ed Seruga, KE9JJ. He will see that the proper corrections or changes will be made.

Please welcome new member:

Lester Moldenhauer, WA9CFA, 13021 W. Prospect Dr. New Berlin, WI 53151

Dr. Henry Twelmeyer, KA9PCB, is a silent key. We extend our deepest sympathy to the Twelmeyer Family.

Anyone with anything to put into this fine publication can call 546-0647, send it to: Hamateur Chatter, PO Box 91, Milwaukee, WI 53201

CUAGN next month

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